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## Mohawks protest racist media

BY KRISTIN ANDREWS

Confidential police documents implicating one in five Kanehsatake residents of trafficking in illegal cigarettes in 1992 were deliberately leaked last Tuesday to CJMS, a radio station known to be hostile to First Nations people, Mohawk community leaders say.

The publicity came on the eve of the coroner's inquest into the death of Marcel Lemay, the Sûreté du Québec officer shot during a police raid on Oka in July 1990.

Deborah Etienne, self-declared "deputy minister, Caucasian affairs" of Kanehsatake, said the timing of the release of the police report is suspicious. She sees a history of media defamation of the Mohawk people at times of political unrest.

The negative publicity tends to overshadow coverage of political issues raised by native people, Etienne said.

"It just couldn't be a coincidence that this information was leaked to Gilles Proulx," said Etienne, referring to the CJMS radio personality she describes as an "all-around Canadian racist".

Despite SQ admonitions to the contrary, Proulx listed the names of the accused in the report. Individuals mentioned will press charges for slander, Etienne said.

Proulx is remembered for having devoted an entire day of programming on his show *Le Journal du Midi* to "Mohawk bashing" in the wake of the July 3 acquittal of Mohawk warriors who had been involved in the Oka crisis, said Céline Leduc.

Leduc, a Mohawk supporter and activist, has documented what she deems media abuses of Native people for two years.

Last Tuesday's Sûreté scandal echoes events of December 1991, Leduc said.

Verdun radio station CKVL obtained information that Hydro Québec had offered rebates to some residents of Akwesasne. CKVL circulated a form letter to aid white Quebecers in writing to protest so-called preferential treatment of Natives.

The incident coincided with a Mohawk petition of the provincial government in hopes of decreasing police presence on Native reserves.

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission has defended both CJMS and CKVL.

When Leduc complained of racist language used by CKVL to incite people to protest, Allan Darling of the CRTC responded that the broadcasts attacked only "un petit bloc de voyon" (referring to the Mohawk warriors as a small group of hoodlums), as opposed to the

Mohawk community as a whole, and was therefore not racist.

### The SQ: some questions

Sûreté du Québec acknowledges that an internal source leaked recent documents regarding the tobacco trade at Kanehsatake but has yet to determine the individual responsible, said spokesperson Robert Poëti.

Kenneth Deer, editor and publisher of Kahnawake community newspaper *The Eastern Door*, doubts that any one person is responsible for the leak.

"There's probably a deeper conspiracy within the SQ," he said.

Deer said police antagonism toward Mohawks has been particularly extreme since events at Oka two summers ago.

He cited a number of arrests of Kanehsatake residents who had too much snow on their car windshield. Deer has one friend in court currently for not dimming his lights when encountering a police vehicle.

Deborah Etienne sees the current negative publicity leveled at Kaneh-

satake as part of a campaign the SQ launched against Mohawk Chief Jerry Peltier and others when Peltier refused to return an SQ gun left at the site where police officers shot at a car at Akwesasne last fall.

Etienne and Deer say the police investigation of Mohawk cigarette sales is about harassment, not about crime-solving.

"If they were honestly trying to get to the bottom of the contraband issue, they would look at the white people," Etienne said.

Mark Bourque of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police confirmed that only about half of the illegal cigarette sales in Montréal come through Akwesasne.

Foreign embassies and diplomats with immunity have been among the primary perpetrators in the sale of tax-free tobacco, he said.

Etienne accused the SQ of focusing publicity on Mohawk involvement in the smuggling in order to distract the media from the coroner's inquest which Mohawks have demanded for almost two years.



Deborah Etienne, self-declared "deputy minister, Caucasian affairs" of Kanehsatake

## Merging of SSHRC and Canada Council condemned

BY KRISTIN BOON  
& KATHY BUNKA

The federal government is about to merge a body funding university research with another funding the arts. Academics and students are worried that the move will reduce funding for research in the social sciences, and will give universities less say in where the money is going.

Bill C-93, which has just passed its first reading in the Commons, will create the new Canada Council for the Arts and for Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities (CARSSH).

The move will combine two federal organizations, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Canada Council. The SSHRC, created in 1978, is an organization which provides support through fellowships to research and training in the social sciences.

The SSHRC is one of the largest sources of aid for graduate students. But the Canada Council has a much different mandate. It funds artists in various media from writing to film.

Low funding has been a chronic problem of the SSHRC, and many feel the merger will not help the situation.

"We have grave concerns that this reorganization will not improve the present low funding for humanities and social sciences across Canada," said Roger Prichard, Vice-principal Graduate Studies and Research at McGill. Only 22.5 per cent of applications for doctoral fellowships and 30 per cent of applications for re-



vp research and Dean of Graduate Studies, Roger Prichard

search grants were funded last year.

Although calling it a "cost-cutting measure", the government has not shown how combining the two bodies will help. Prichard is not optimistic. "The government justified it in terms of saving administrative costs but they have not come across with any figures to justify this."

Prichard said the government would have to maintain existing

structures for administering funding within SSHRC and the Canada Council because the activities funded by each body are so different. He was also worried about the possibility that academics would have to compete with people concerned with the Arts for the same funding pool.

Prichard added that the university's ability to influence the new council on matters concerning fellowships

and research will fitter away.

Michael Temelini, vice president university affairs for the post graduate students' society agreed with Prichard. "It's all crass political maneuvering, the federal government wants to cut spending."

Fiona McQuarrie, chair of the National Graduate Council, which represents 40 000 graduate students, said she is worried funds that should be going to research will instead be poured into administrative costs.

The government's decision to create CARSSH stems from their plan to "streamline operations" and create a more cost-effective body. SSHRC representatives maintain that the merger is simply an administrative change, in which one board of governors will replace the previous two. The two budgets will be kept separate, and ongoing programs will not be affected.

Prichard is also worried about the composition of the new council. He thought the government would appoint members of the business community in hopes they will donate money.

"The new council will be given the role of representing Canada's image in cultural matters, so it diverges from the student's focus on training in the social sciences and humanities," said Prichard.

Temelini added that the merger is indicative of the conservative government's agenda.

"The solution to the chronic funding problem is for the government to change. Current policies are devastating to education," he said.

McGill's senate voted last Wednesday to condemn the merger.



**Quebec Public Interest Research Group McGill inc.**  
Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Surplus  
Year ended August 31, 1992

	1992	1991
<b>Revenue</b>		
Students' Fees	\$114,032	\$113,580
Grants	-	6,379
Interest	270	1,701
Waste Management	1,036	1,296
	<u>115,338</u>	<u>122,956</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	59,447	111,046
Project Costs	21,900	14,586
Office & General	9,419	7,142
Bookkeeping & Audit fees	6,043	4,850
Telephone	4,521	4,078
Retreats & Meetings	3,159	4,817
Amortization	2,539	3,251
Discretionary	1,876	2,300
Insurance	673	657
Professional fees	339	823
Publicity	270	1,313
Interest & Bank charges	261	468
Membership fees & Subscriptions	50	185
Miscellaneous	714	1,696
	<u>111,211</u>	<u>157,212</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	4,127	(34,256)
Surplus, beginning of year	17,893	52,149
Surplus, end of year	<u>\$22,020</u>	<u>\$17,893</u>
<b>Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1992</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$27,969	\$16,932
Due from McGill University	2,235	3,163
Accounts Receivable	4,142	4,027
Prepaid Expenses	531	401
	<u>34,877</u>	<u>24,523</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<u>3,815</u>	<u>4,758</u>
	<u>\$38,692</u>	<u>\$29,281</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable & accrued liabilities	\$16,672	\$11,388
Surplus	<u>22,020</u>	<u>17,893</u>
	<u>\$38,692</u>	<u>\$29,281</u>

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**events**

The South African Committee is showing two short films today entitled "Apartheid has not ended" & "No Easy Walk" from 11h30 to 13h30 in Union 425. Free Admission.

The Students Society needs coordinators and volunteers for Alcohol Awareness Week (Feb. 8-12). There will be a meeting Thursday at 16h in B09.

The McGill Marketing Club is having its first general meeting of the semester today at 17h30 in Bronfman 426.

The McGill Chaplaincy will be circulating a petition denouncing the recent desecration of Jewish synagogues today from 10h to 14h in the lobby of Leacock.

The latest Film society schedule is: Fri., Jan. 29: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly, at 19h30 in FDA

Sat., Jan. 30: Mr. Saturday Night, at 19h30 in FDA

McGill Improv is back in the Alley every Wednesday starting today at 19h30. Jazz at 21h.

Interfaith Discussion Group on how we should respond to racism. Today from 12h30 to 13h30 in the Birks Building.

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# Tioxide still dumping at Tracy plant

BY AUBREY COHEN

You know that big river you thought was really dirty? Well you don't know just how dirty it is. Tioxide Canada's factory in Tracy, Quebec, dumps 120 to 150 tones of sulfuric acid into the St. Lawrence every day!

The Quebec environment minister has issued an order for Tioxide Canada to close the Tracy plant, which produces titanium pigment. But Tioxide is appealing the order in front of the Quebec Municipal Commission.

**"It's like a convicted felon is being allowed to continue robbing banks while on trial for the first robbery"**

Members of local environmental groups call the appeal a stalling tactic and criticize the Quebec government for negligence in allowing Tioxide to continue production during the appeal.

"It's like a convicted felon is

being allowed to continue robbing banks while on trial for the first robbery," said Daniel Green, of the environmental lobbying group SVP (Société pour l'Analyse de la Pollution).

Tioxide, a subsidiary of ICI (Imperial Chemicals International), produces a titanium pigment used to colour paint, paper, plastics, and other consumer products.

The production of this pigment also creates sulfuric acid which poisons fish and destroys fish habitats. The acid also makes other pollution soluble in water, thereby increasing the effects of other firms' waste.

The Quebec government is prosecuting Tioxide for a regulatory infraction. Tioxide violated its own cleanup plan which they submitted to avoid government action against them. If Tioxide is held accountable, they face a maximum of \$120,000 in fines.

The federal government is also prosecuting Tioxide, on six counts of violating the Canadian Fisheries Act. This is the most potentially damaging case for Tioxide, as it could bring a total of \$36 million in fines.

Tioxide claims that they were not given all of the data used as a basis for issuing the order to shut the Tracy plant. The issuing of this information is required by the Environment Quality Act. But the

government says that Tioxide's claim is ridiculous, since much of the data came from Tioxide itself.

Tioxide claims they will close the Tracy plant as soon as its new plant in Becancour is operational. According to Green, Tioxide doesn't need to build a new factory to cut its pollution.

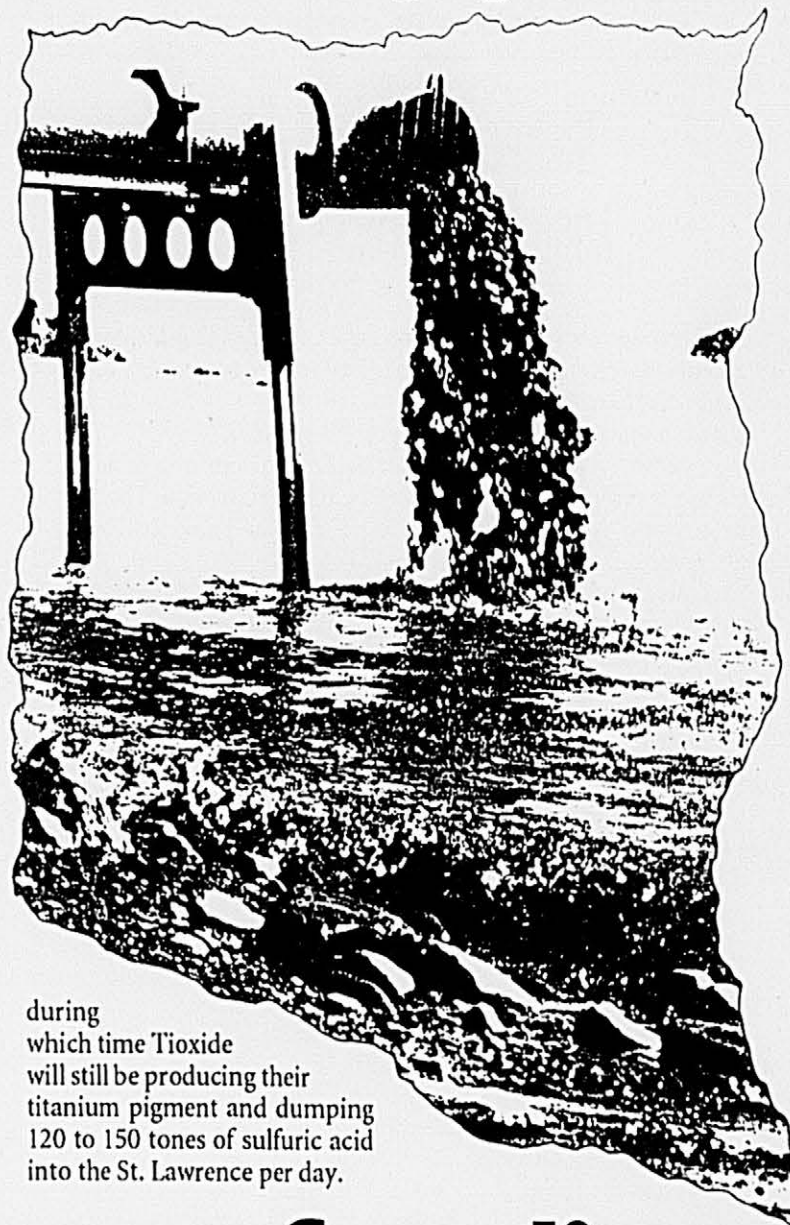
"They just need to add an addition onto the old one," said Green, "there is very well known technology to neutralize the chemicals."

Using this technology which, according to Green, has existed since the time of the industrial revolution, the acid could be neutralized and the remaining by-product could be used for gibson board (drywall) production.

The total cost to implement this plan would be less than \$20 million. This is not an outrageous sum considering the scope of Tioxide's parent firm (ICI). Space for the addition is not a problem as there is plenty of room in front of the Tracy plant.

Tioxide had no comment about the factory or any of the current legal proceedings. When informed that an article on the subject would appear without their input, a spokesperson for the firm replied, "That's okay, we're used to it."

No action will be taken against Tioxide for at least two months,



during which time Tioxide will still be producing their titanium pigment and dumping 120 to 150 tones of sulfuric acid into the St. Lawrence per day.

# Deadlock over library funding

BY LAWREN SACK

McGill's library system badly needs money. But in this already cash-strapped university, it is hard to see where the money will come from.

The Senate Committee on Libraries, is calling for McGill to devote ten per cent of its budget to the libraries. This entails a nine-million dollar increase in funding over the next ten years.

Francois Tavenas, Vice-Principal of Planning and Resources, calls the ten per cent "unrealistic".

Senators debated the proposal last December, and postponed further discussion until next Wednesday's Senate meeting.

Eric Ormsby, Director of Libraries, told Senate on December 9 that the libraries were grossly underfunded. A committee reviewing the libraries last year reported in October that 4.7 per cent of the library's money has been siphoned into the Academic Faculties for the last five years, contributing to the libraries' further decline.

"Over the past ten years the libraries have not been able to develop or grow," said Ormsby.

Biology professor Graham Bell, a member of the committee, said the quality of the libraries is suffering. McGill research and study is presently conducted in a "small-town library," he said.

A library rating performed by the Canadian Association of Re-



search Libraries (excerpted in MacLean's) placed McGill libraries last on its list, based on a meagre state of funding.

According to a report by the Senate committee on Libraries, "universities with excellence in all aspects" spend as much as 10 per cent on their libraries. UBC and U of T spend this much, while McGill currently contributes 5.9 per cent, lower than any other Canadian university.

William Leggett, Vice-Principal Academic, said that the ten per cent, if granted, would be amassed by

shifting funds from "all other units, academic, and non-academic" of McGill.

According to Tavenas, simply transferring funds will not do the trick. Three million dollars in increased funding over the next three years has been promised to the libraries at this point, and this will only allow the libraries to regain their status of two years ago.

The relative lack of improvement results from the inflation of books and journals, and the soaring costs of administration.

Tavenas told Senate that the

funds requested would be equivalent to half the budget of the Faculty of Arts.

"One has to look at the global picture. If we took that money out of faculties and spent it on libraries, we'd have a good library system but it wouldn't be much use to students or professors."

Tavenas suggested overhauling the libraries' current budget. Twenty-six per cent of the library's budget presently goes to collections, whereas the figure comes to about 33 per cent for what Tavenas calls "better libraries in North America."

The collection of literature is generally agreed to be the top priority in spending. Since 1982 journal subscriptions have slumped, and the number of books bought has steadily declined. For many researchers desired books, journals, and monographs can be only distantly seen, far over the horizon, shelved at U of T.

At a senate meeting Tavenas proposed a new direction to move in: towards the effective amalgamation of Montreal university libraries. By pooling all resources, the libraries could avoid, for instance, having duplicate copies of two-thousand-dollar scientific journal issues in the same city. The cooperating universities could allocate a building to each field, combining their collections.

Bell said that this idea is not new, and that informal pooling is already practised by the city's university libraries. McGill's libraries give priority to those journals that can't be found elsewhere. But Bell said that the point in a library is having "everything in one place."

"I would support pooling if all the books were placed in one library," said Bell.

Leggett agreed that the idea of library pooling is a trend for the future, as every North American university library struggles to deal with the same problems.

Needless to say, the Daily didn't bother to ask anyone about further funding for the MacLennan smoking room.



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comment

## The recession is dead! Long live the recession!

I probably don't have to convince you that StatsCan's announcement of the end of the recession was nuts. If *Pulse News* can be trusted, just about everyone would agree.

But the funny thing is, StatsCan is right. The recession is over.

Here's how it goes. "Recession" is a highbrow economics term which means that the economy's been shrinking for at least six months. The trick is that "economy" is defined in terms of things like the GDP, productivity and industrial expansion.

These are factors which likely have little to do with your day-to-day life. (Notice the conspicuous absence of the unemployment rate — which isn't changing — from the calculation.) And that's the real problem: When economists talk about how strong the economy is, they're talking about how much money rich people are making.

Until that changes, they'll continue making meaningless statements about "recessions" and "jobless recoveries".

Dan Robins

## Colorado, here we come!

Meanwhile, we came across a piece of hate on the bathroom floor the other day. It was titled, innocuously enough, "Equal Rights for All?", and authored by someone named Erika Norheim. You can find it in the latest issue of PC McGill's newsletter, *Bluenotes*.

The column is an attack on Kim Campbell's proposed queer rights amendment to the Human Rights Act. The argument is that "lifestyle choices" (as opposed, I guess, to ontological structures of being *qua* Being) are not worthy of protection in the constitution.

Here's a sample sentence, from the first paragraph: "Employers could be forced by law to hire homosexuals, even in cases where this conflicts with their faith or most deeply held sense of morality."

Here's another: "Homosexuals are fully capable of keeping their dignity without government help by keeping their sexual preferences to themselves."

And what about, "when the government takes it upon itself to define what is 'normal' sexual behaviour, the education systems will soon create a mandation [*sic*] for themselves that homosexual relations are normal and healthy?"

These are not the ravings of some streetcorner born-again. They're presumably the considered opinion of someone engaged in higher education, and she's been given a platform by the local regiment of the young Tories.

Despite her failings, Norheim does have a reassuringly optimistic opinion of the power of civil rights legislation. For instance, she thinks it possible that the Bible could be banned over Leviticus' and St. Paul's fag-bashing.

But she forgets that when they tried to ban the Bible for its misogyny, racism and religionism (not to mention its bad taste), all those Queers for Christ groups in B.C. got the original court decision overturned by arguing that the book was obviously satire.

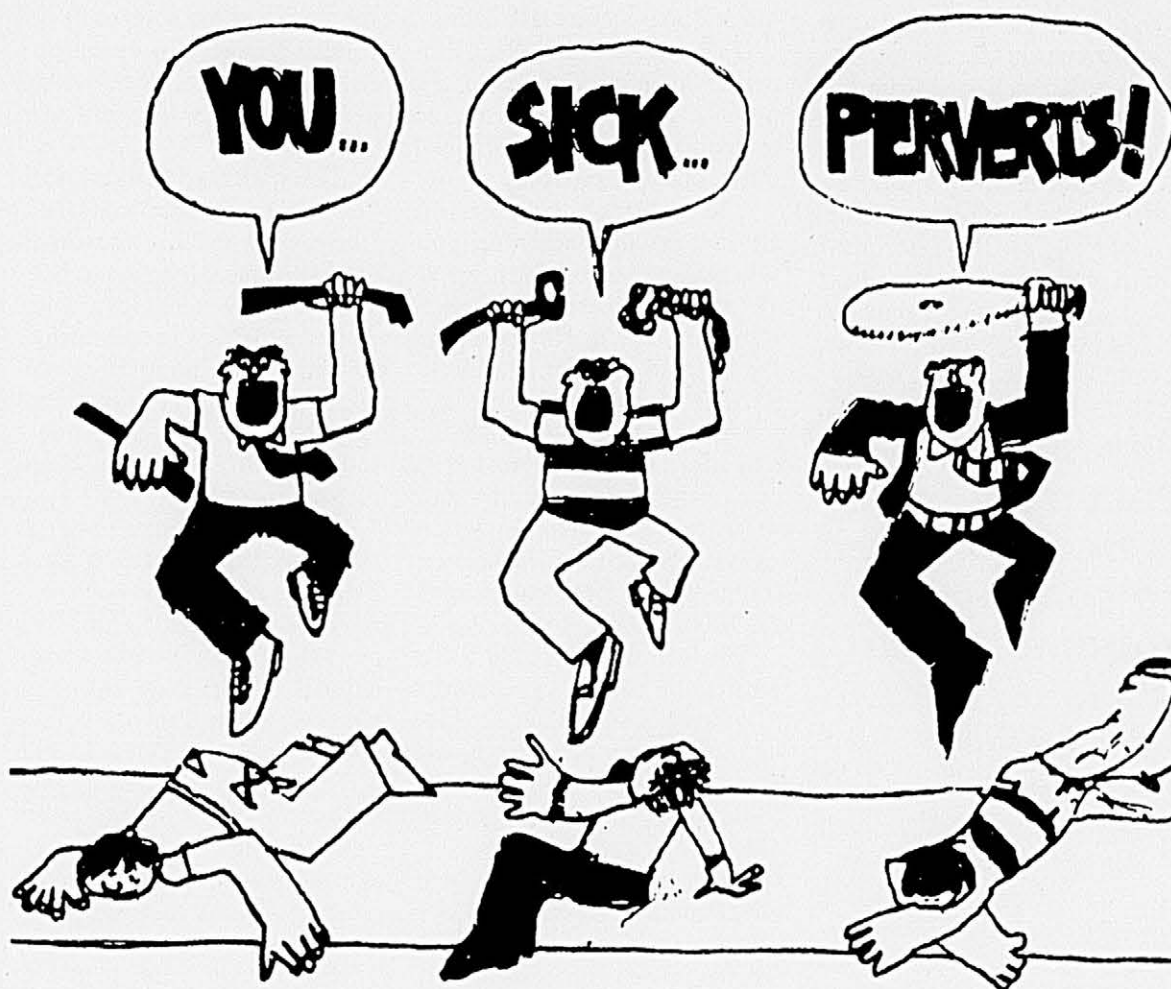
She also thinks teaching sexual self-determination would confuse youth "before they have even had a chance to establish their morals or religion".

Perversely, she forgets to mention the "confusion" queer kids face now, as they realize they are universally despised by breeders such as her. Perhaps she doesn't even know that one in three youth suicides (as determined by the U.S. department of health a couple of years ago) are committed by youth whose "sexual confusion" is not being addressed in today's schools.

Don't mean to waste your time with something so obviously bigoted and wrongheaded. It's just that I thought this sort of thing only happened in the U.S. (and of course in Alberta, the Colorado of the North).

Planning on proposing any ballot initiatives anytime soon, Norheim?

Robins Redux



## notes from below

Monday's story "Students object to condo conversions" contained a few inaccuracies. The \$60-120 thousand in question was a projected price for the condos, not a downpayment. And the bit about units being convertible to condos if the rent is raised to 15 per cent above average is actually a bit more complicated than that: There are three zones in Montréal, and each of them has a benchmark rent, 15 per cent above the average rent in that zone. Buildings whose units have an average rent over this benchmark qualify for conversion.

Mistakes in editing attributed to a Project Genesis report a quote spoken by Chris Wrobel. Furthermore, mention of Arnold Kwok's involvement with the brief to SSMU was inadvertently removed.

Also worth noting is that "Councilors at odds over athletics funding" contained the inaccurate claim that

the travel budget referred to takes one-third of the athletic budget, rather than from the intercollegiate teams (which would have been right). Also, it's the CCSS who underbudgets for the playoffs, not the university who overbudgets.

And finally, "Bill Clinton's Gala Touchdown" to the contrary, Clinton's opening of the White House to the

masses is not really so precedent-shattering — Bush did it too. (And the statement that Clinton has been "bonified" is also false. Clinton has to date not expressed an interest in converting to the Bon religion. It would be more accurate to call him a "bona fide political star".)

Someday we'll figure out this journalism thing...

## errata

The *Daily* staff in no way condones the addition of an insert titled "What you didn't know about the 400 Hamas deportees" in some copies of Monday's *Daily*.

The insert is in our view racist hate propaganda, and was added without our knowledge or consent.

We talked to our lawyer, who told us the addition was illegal. This in mind, we'll be doing whatever we can to ensure it doesn't happen again.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.

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# Letters

## A matter of irresponsibility To the Daily:

My father was born in 1924. He was diagnosed with porphyria in 1977. He now has Myeloma Multiple Cetit. No doctor ever told him that porphyria is an hereditary disease. He still does not believe it when my brother told him that my niece has it. I am concerned about it because I may have it too. I find out now when he slowly falls ill. Is it not a matter of irresponsibility of the medical profession to educate their patients in advance?

Tony

## Lexic rape

To the Daily:

After dwelling in the social sciences for some time, I have come to the conclusion that the unyielding pursuit of knowledge in which we engage is a bit problematic. How we slave away in such disciplines as sociology, political science, and economics to arrive at new theories of the group (whomever it be composed of), justifying them with empirical data with the aim of being more inclusive and predictable than previous conceptions of the model.

When things in the models do not quite work out, we (as social scientists — a daft term in itself) must justify all our time and resources spent in the creation of such useless devices to explain humanity. This is a necessary component to allow ourselves a "back door" to explain and validate theories. Two fabled devices are those of *anomalies* and *validate theories*. With the latter, why anybody could hope to accurately describe a dynamic mechanism while "freezing" all variables, except the irreconcilable data by saying it falls outside the normal bounds, or it is merely a fluke and therefore doesn't really need to be included in the final analysis.

The real crime lies in the everyday study of the social sciences. The way we manipulate existing vocabulary for the taste of our theorists oftentimes gives completely new meaning to terms once understood and justified in our minds. We must relearn these definitions and terms in a new light. Terms once held basic to our understanding and expression of the world we live in have been uprooted and thrown into the proverbial blender of social science. What this amounts to is *lexic rape*. Construed and contrived terms defining our own "model world" have saturated our (academic) lives and left us with a warped and confused understanding of the society we live in.

Ian White  
Political Science, U3

## No longer shocked

To the Daily:

I am no longer shocked at the audacity of many of the Pro-Israeli groups on campus whether MIPAC, Hillel, TAGAR or others. At a time when Israel has yet again violated International Law by deporting 415 Palestinians, pro-Zionist groups are coming out of the wood work to "celebrate Israel." But as the saying goes, "the best defence is a good offence."

This deportation is not the first of its kind and is in clear violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, article 49 stating "Individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from the occupied territories to the territory of the occupying power or to any country occupied or not, are prohibited, regardless of their motive."

Deportation is an administrative punishment, with no specific charges, and due process of law is not observed. Between 1967-1977, at least 1156 Palestinians were deported. In the late

1970s a new appeal procedure allowed a petition to the Israeli High Court, but the Court, which has never reversed a deportation order, rules only on procedural rather than substantive issues and rejects the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

In 1985, under then Defense Minister Rabin's "Iron Fist" policy, a new wave of deportations commenced, and 42 Palestinians were deported by December 1987. Another 62 Palestinians were deported in the next two years. In January 1992, in the wake of new deportation orders against 12 Palestinians the UN Security Council unanimously passed resolution 726 which "strongly condemns" the deportations and "affirms the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention." December 17th 1992 saw the latest of Israel's wave of Deportation, again faced by another UN Security Council resolution, number 799, condemning Israel. However, it was still lacking any economic embargoes or deadlines for military action as was the case with Iraq.

Jami Manson  
MIS U3

## Erroneous and offensive

To the Daily:

re: Sartawi and Kadry's Hyde Park of Jan. 21 concerning the Israel Week festivities in the union building

You may indeed be correct; falafel may be an Arabic food. But when foods are eaten by both peoples for generations, the question of authorship becomes a tricky inquiry into gastro-ethnology. Who is to say whether cabbage rolls are Polish or Ukrainian?

Your use of the phrase "ethnic cleansing" to describe Israel's activity in the West Bank managed to be at the same time erroneous and offensive. If there is any genocide occurring in the West Bank, it is an auto-genocide. Palestinian death squads (such as the one which has of late captured the hearts of the world, Hamas), were responsible for the death of 387 unarmed Palestinian victims during 1991-2. By contrast, Israeli soldiers were responsible for the death of 150 Palestinians over the same period.

Your editorial refused to admit Palestinian splinter groups are terrorising their own people, by brutally murdering any Palestinian suspected of "collaboration" with Israelis (which often amounts to accepting medical provisions from or selling religious articles to an Israeli).

Your claim that the "non-Jewish" population outnumbers the Jewish in Israel is categorically false. Is there any sense to be made of counting Palestinians *outside of Israel* within this figure? Are we also to include the Palestinians presently living in Jordan, where, incidentally, Palestinians do constitute a majority (70 percent)?

What irks me most is that you do not reveal the one premise underlying all your arguments. Allow me to make exoteric what you are so careful to express esoterically: Jews have no right to live in peace in any part of their (microscopically) small homeland. If the Zionist dream is racist (and it isn't), then how is it that the Palestinian dream is not? Who said anything about "Jews-Only"?!?

Jonathan Goldman  
U2 Arts

Statistics: *The New Republic*, November 23 1992, pp 26-29.

ed. note: Sartawi and Kadry's Hyde Park was not an editorial. Editorials in the Daily are written and endorsed by Daily staff.

## Free Western Rumelia!

To the Daily:

The current quarrel in the European community over Macedonia's recognition, and the political sabotage being perpetrated by Greece over its name (which Greece seems to hold copyright over) could, we feel, be solved by applying a bid of historical research.

During the gradual withdrawal of the Ottoman empire from the Balkan region, there temporarily arose a principality which has since become part of modern Bulgaria. Its name was Eastern Rumelia. Its capital was Plovdiv. If the reader consults his/her handy European map, they will notice that this portion of southern Bulgaria is directly east of Macedonia. Therefore, we humbly submit to the world that the Republic of Macedonia consider a change of nomenclature to: Western Rumelia. They will find the name to be blissfully free of any previous historical occupants, with the exception of the short-lived Eastern Rumelia) and perfectly suitable for placating the now-rabid Greek government, as well as filling that ever-plaguing gap between Vietnam and Western Samoa. (?)

Humbly yours,  
Craig Burley, U2 Philosophy  
Jeffrey Egger, U3 Mathematics

## Never-ending audacity

To the Daily:

It is with all the respect traditionally reserved for McGill fraternities that I find myself responding to Desbarats' article (Students' Society Loses Thousands, January 25).

The blasphemous calls for financial autonomy and full incorporation of the SSMU are certainly grounds for impeachment of an apparently inept group of individuals. How could they possibly rationalize such a step when they unwittingly attempt to donate \$50 000 of students' money to the federal government, and embezzle a cool \$100 000 from scholarship endowments? O, the never-ending audacity of elected persons!

It seems to me that an elected body charged with the mandate of responsibility managing a "\$2 million operation" must at the very least contain one member who is competent in areas of financial management and budgetary allowances. I am told that the faculty of Management's Accounting I (280-211) course will provide a general yet comprehensive overview of such fundamentals that even an Arts student may apply. I should then suggest that certain executives of our sometimes revered but rarely treasured SSMU pass a little less time watching syndicated "Star Trek" and devote more time to their homework.

## Not Religious Fundamentalists

To the Daily:

Let me get this straight. We, the students, collectively pay over \$28 000 in SSMU executive salaries, so that the SSMU may (1) present us with a loss of \$13 000 and tell us that it really is nothing compared to the amount they are capable of losing, proof of which rests with the whopping \$350 000 that they have lost in the last two years alone (evidently without too much help); (2) manage an overstuffed Sadie's, which lost a "mere" \$16 000 last year; (3) pay the \$50 000 GST twice, as if once seems to have robbed them of the divine pleasure; (4) raid the scholarship fund only to realize that they must now replenish it with the added interest cost; (5) operate a \$2 million account for which they have little or no idea as to where the money all went; (6) incorporate into a loss-making company whose stockholders, the students, will probably never meet once, let alone receive a cent in dividends ... Oh Dearie Me ... Picard is not pleased ... well, at least they're not religious fundamentalists.

Pervez Siddiqui  
U2 Management

## hyde parks

## Anger over offensive literature

Opinion by Bahaa Sunallah

As a McGill student and one of the regular visitors to the union building, I was hit by surprise and anger on Monday January 25, as a result of having to read *Hamas Hit List* which was distributed with the *McGill Daily* for that day.

In fact, it was another reminder that disadvantaged groups are facing a continuous massive, offensive and hatred literature, ONLY because we are people who are trying to establish ourselves in a multi-cultural society where the media is biased and itself a major player in the double standard phenomenon.

I said only, and I emphasize it, because Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Egyptian Islamic movement and the Algerian Islamic movements are being the victims of the media.

To bring the issue down to a practical level, when we bet over a coin, we usually ask the two parties to choose a head, or a tail. It only makes sense because there are two sides for the coin and the rest is luck.

In our case, ladies and gentlemen, we have two sides for the story and the rest are facts. The Hamas Hit List presented

one side of the story which answered the question "what". To be fair they answered "where", "when" and "who".

What happened to "why"? And what about the other side of the story? What about their five Ws?

Ladies and gentlemen, our understanding of the basics of our living life is very naive and limited without addressing why did it happen. I am not advocating that the goals justify the means. On the contrary I believe that those Islamic movements have a mission in life and I strongly believe it to be done by all the legal means with total respect to the value of human beings. I shall leave any of the questions that I left unanswered to the Muslims and Palestinians to comment on.

By now, I hope it is clear that the 417 Palestinian deportees suffer the shared oppression of being Muslims and Palestinians, just as much as black women suffer from being black and women, with the difference that the oppressor in the former case is a state that refuses to abide by the United Nations resolutions, espe-

cially "799" which demands the safe return of the deportees to their homeland.

As a student who has no say over where our money goes in terms of student services, I demand the McGill Daily continue the investigations in regard to the entry in their above-mentioned edition. I also find it necessary to call upon various student societies who are disadvantaged or in support of the Muslims and the Palestinians. My pledge goes to: SSMU, McGill Muslim Students' Association (MSA), Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC), The Black Students' Network (BSN), South Africa Student Society, the women's union, Amnesty International and many other groups.

I conclude with Article 2.4 of the SSMU constitution.

"The Students' society of McGill University is committed to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of, but not limited to, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or social class."

If we don't all unite, then we should count our days as a solid minority with and assertive mandate to our welfare and well-being.

## A Semester Old: The Student Empowerment Fund

Opinion by Jason Prince, president of SSMU

All of you people out there doing community work, where are you? In case you've forgotten, there is a fund available for your project if it involves McGill students working with the Montreal community.

So far, the volunteer empowerment fund has helped support a volunteer childcare programme for single mothers, Black History Month (specifically events which include the broader community), and a Montreal-wide tutoring programme for primary and secondary school students.

The fund was inspired by the 1991 constitutional referendum when the

members of the student's society of McGill university added the following provision to the purpose of SSMU (article 2.4):

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To back up this commitment, the president of student's society has donated \$2000 out of his personal

stipend. Student's council will be asked to consider making the fund and committee a permanent operation of Student's society.

Requests for funding should be forwarded to the president, who will forward them to a selection committee composed of one student from each of the disadvantaged groups represented by the following organizations: the Black Student's Network, the Women's Union, Access McGill, and Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Gays of McGill.

Please submit grant requests, accompanied by a brief proposal outlining the project's purpose, plan of action timeline, total budget, other sources of funding, and required subsidy from the empowerment fund.



# McGill students to be vaccinated for meningitis



BY HASAN KARRAR

A provincial campaign to vaccinate students against meningitis is coming to McGill. Starting February 1, McGill students living in residences will have the opportunity to be vaccinated for meningitis. On the request of the Community Health Department (DSC) vaccines will be administered free of charge at the Student Health Centre in the Powell Building.

Susanne Lawsen, a nurse at the Health Centre, said that the danger faced by students was minimal, and the campaign was largely a public relations move. "It appears to be more of a political move", she said.

Lawsen was optimistic about student turnout.

"Although vaccination has never taken place at McGill before, we're expecting about 70 per cent of the residence population," said Lawsen.

"It appears as though the Students are eager to get vaccinated."

Lawsen said the vaccination rate in Quebec is higher than in parts of the US where vaccination is compulsory.

**"It appears to be more of a political move."**

Vaccination in Québec is entirely voluntary. Students are required to make appointments in advance.

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes covering the brain and the spinal cord. It is caused by a number of bacteria, the most dangerous being *Meningococcus*. It is

normal for about 25 per cent of the population to carry the bacteria in them at one time or the other without any ill effects.

Lawsen said that amongst the people who had contracted meningitis in the mid eighties, about twenty died within a few days of infection. "This generated a lot of concern amongst the people. However 90 per cent of meningitis cases recover", she said.

Meningitis occurs when the bacteria enters the blood stream causing a severe infection. The initial symptoms are high fever, severe headaches, stiffness of the neck, nausea and vomiting.

Between the years 1984 to 1990 there was a gradual increase in the number of meningitis cases diagnosed, the peak being in 89-90 when 41 cases were diagnosed in Quebec. The expected rate of infection in the year 92-93 is one per 100,000.

## Bureaucrats strike again

BY ELIZABETH CALEY

Montreal could be the home of the first international organization on the ministerial level to deal with disability issues. Last week, a working group of sixteen international government officials, from various countries around the world, proposed the creation of a secretariat on the status of persons with disabilities.

Monique Landry, Canada's Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities, chaired last week's meeting. Claudine Renault, Landry's press secretary, said it will now be possible to make decisions and take action immediately. Landry will bring two priority issues to the working group's next meeting, to be held in early March. Supporting regional projects and

technology exchange will likely be among the issues discussed.

The working group promises to closely consult with non-governmental organizations of disabled persons during the next six months to help establish its mandate.

But prominent disabilities activists in the Montreal area have received little or no information about the new organization.

"I found out from the newspaper," said Jerome DiGiovanni.

DiGiovanni is the president of the Canadian Disabilities Rights Council, a board member of the Confédération des Organismes Provinciaux de Personnes Handicapées du Québec and a member of other disabilities groups.

Pierre-Paul Bélanger, Quebec's Executive director for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind,

hasn't even heard of the project.

DiGiovanni is also worried about the structure of the proposed secretariat.

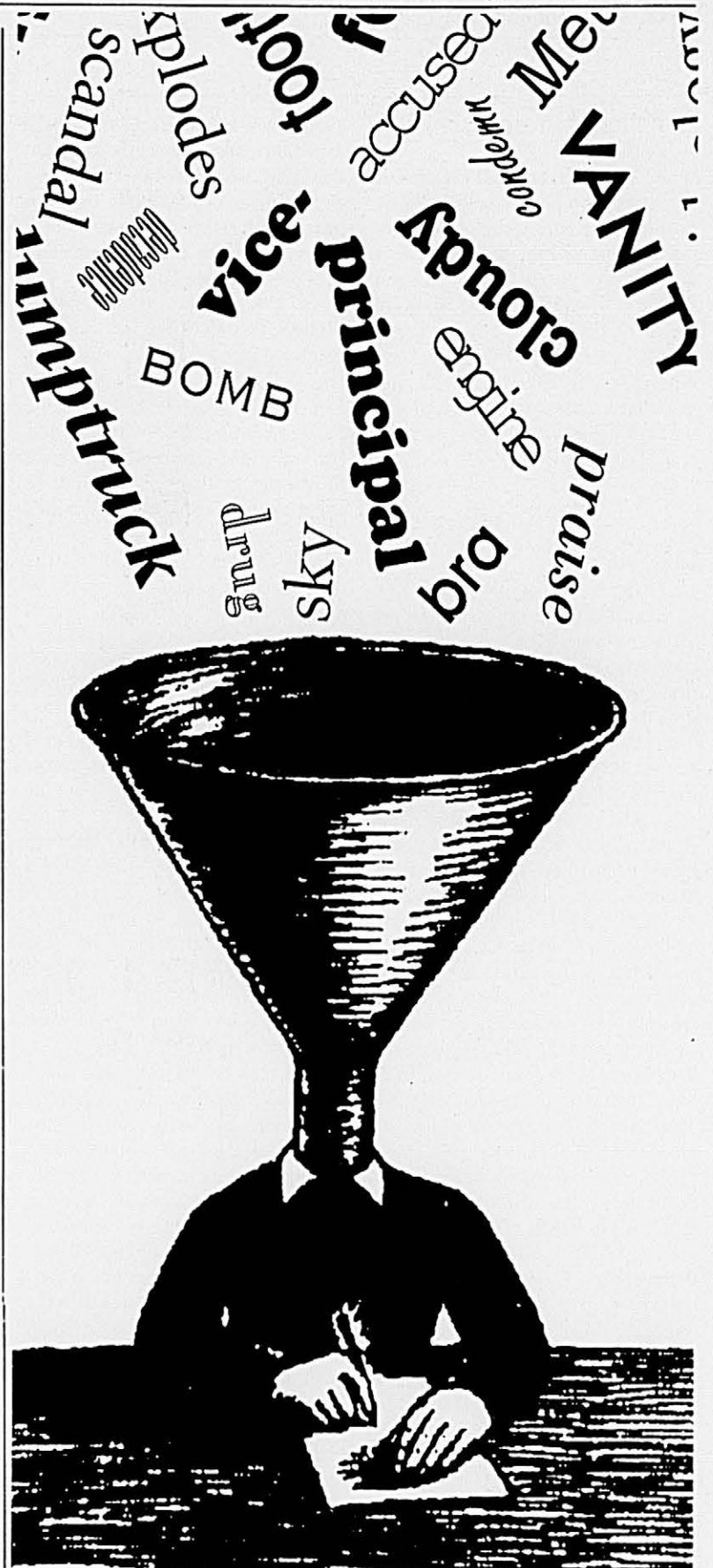
"It should be a way of sharing experiences not just giving out money," said DiGiovanni.

"It must maintain a strong relationship with the network among people with disabilities," said DiGiovanni. He suggested a relatively independent board be set up to prioritize issues.

"It must be staffed with people with disabilities," said DiGiovanni. Only three members of the working group have disabilities.

Funding for the proposed secretariat has not been determined.

"Hopefully, we'll talk a few countries in the secretariat into funding. Canada has given lots of money for the working group," said Renault.



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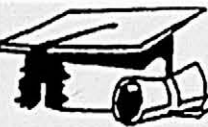
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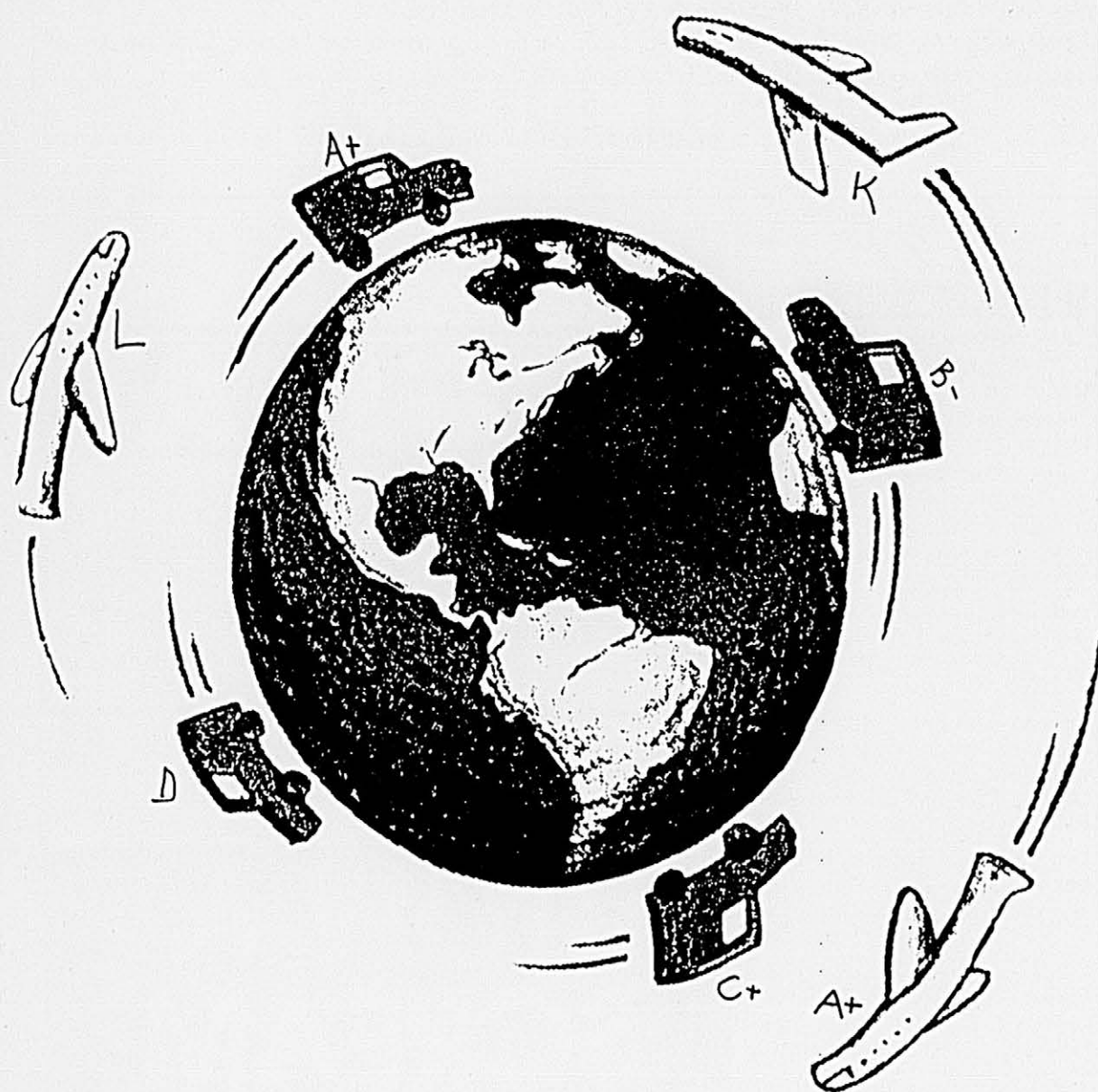
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## Nationwide testing: the search for standards

BY CLAUDINE PARKER

**OTTAWA (CUP)**—The Ottawa-based Association for Canada-wide Standards for Education proposes testing students nationwide to prepare youth for a future in a competitive world.

Cynthia Bled, founder of the association said that, "Present spending on education is not necessarily being directed to the future of the youth. The spending is directed to make the young people happy today."

Although Canada spends \$45 billion each year on education, nine- and 13-year-old students ranked only moderately in maths and sciences in recent education tests.

And those rankings are giving way to calls for educational standards testing.

The Association proposes tests be drawn up following the recommendations of education experts. The tests would be administered on a voluntary basis, and analysis of the test results would help determine if students are acquiring the knowledge they need.

Standards for Canadian schools would be set by a federal education secretariat.

"We need the government to

accept the principle of feedback," said Bled. She added that parents have a right to know how their children are doing and what knowledge should be acquired at any stage in their academic career.

At least five provinces are currently doing testing, but Bled says a national test would be more efficient and cost less for the government.

"Not only would parents, armed with test results, find themselves better able to press for improvement at their local school or board of government, they would also have in hand the information that would help them choose a different school [which had stronger results], so far as local law permits," said Bled.

But Geraldine Gilliss, director of research and information services for the Canadian Teachers' Federation said national testing is a bad idea.

"There's no way a national test can be fair to all students, or even useful. What counts is student ability, not the school. High test scores would depend on the affluence and family stability of the nearby communities," says Gilliss.

She said provinces have the power to determine what will be

taught to children, and since communities and provinces differ radically, there's no way the test can be fair to each province.

The Canadian Federation of Students also opposes national testing. Communications officer Jocelyn Charron said the test would only reflect what is happening in class and would overlook important circumstances that might cause a poor academic performance.

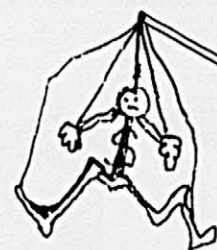
Collecting background information on each child's home situation is not included in current plans by Canada's Council of Ministers of Education. Gilliss said that this fact renders standardized test results useless.

"Credible research on effective schools compares results only where the characteristics of the student populations are the same," said Gilliss.

Gilliss said parents would be able to get information on high-performing schools easily, but warned these schools may have entrance requirements to prevent overcrowding.

"Those tests serve one purpose and one only and that is to streamline people into elite schools, like SAT's in the States," said Charron.

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## Government may nix plans to hike student fees

BY NAOMI KLEIN

**TORONTO (CUP)** — The University of Toronto's plans to meet funding cuts by raising student ancillary fees may be intercepted by the Ontario government, which is reviewing its policy on the fees.

Ancillary fees are mandatory student fees for services not covered by tuition fees, such as athletics and health care.

While a hike in ancillaries is being touted by some members of the university administration as the answer to its funding crisis, student groups say it's nothing more than a "back door" route to hike tuition fees.

Ken Craft, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students, a provincial lobby group, shares this concern.

"Student ancillary fees should be very closely regulated, if not eliminated. They are just a form of raising tuition," he said.

The fees are excluded from the province's cap, which regulates the tuition fees universities are allowed to charge.

There are huge discrepancies in the ancillary fees charged by the province's universities. U of T charges \$112 per student. York University on the other hand, charges \$267 while Queen's University charges no compulsory ancillary fees.

Alice Pitt, president of the U of T Graduate Students' Union, said the move has already begun to hike student user fees. She said if the university goes in this financing direction, it must be met by giving students more control over how, and how much of their money is spent.

"As more and more of the burden is put onto students, the reigns of control need also to be put into the hands of students," Pitt said. "They haven't demonstrated that they are seriously considering ways of maintaining the status quo student fees. We already pay a fairly hefty total in those two fees."

The question of student control of student money has been raised at McGill, by student representatives on the CCSS (Committee for the Co-ordination of Student Services). The CCSS is an advisory body which makes recommendations to the Dean of Students on matters concerning the student services budget. The CCSS is made up of equal numbers of staff and students, but the dean makes the final recommendation to senate.

Student representatives on the CCSS have recently made attempts to block a proposed 15 per cent increase in student services fees. The students proposed cuts in areas such as varsity sports teams' travel expenses, pressuring the university to find other funding sources.

"The alumni should pay, since they're so hot to trot on these teams," said Bob Collins, post-graduate students society rep, "why should students support an elite group of athletes?"

At a meeting Monday night, post-graduate students' society executives agreed to stand against any increase in student services fees as long as the university doesn't contribute to the cost of varsity teams at McGill.

Last year, student representatives on the CCSS complained that staff members ignored student requests, and united to vote against the staff majority on the senate. But Collins stressed that relations between staff and students have improved enormously.

"The process has really opened up," he said, "the students have received more detailed information than ever."

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